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a bottom header including a first header panel extending downward from said first body panel, said bottom header including an opening for mounting the plastic bag to a dispensing post, said bottom header including one or more tearable areas that allow the plastic bag to be substantially removed from said dispensing post in response to being broken.

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4. (Once Amended) The plastic bag of claim 3, wherein said tearable areas are preferential areas of weakness, and wherein said first and second header panels are detachably connected to said respective first and second body panels along [respective] said preferential areas of weakness.

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6/8. (Once Amended) The plastic bag of claim [6] 1, wherein said reclosable fastener includes a zipper and a slider mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said zipper having a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position.

7/8. (Once Amended) A plastic bag, comprising:

first and second opposing panels fixedly connected to each other along a pair of sides, a primary bottom, and a secondary bottom, said primary and secondary bottoms extending between said pair of sides, said sides and said secondary

bottom defining a receptacle space having a mouth formed opposite said secondary bottom; [and]

a reclosable fastener extending along said mouth; and

a bottom header disposed between said primary and secondary bottoms and including first and second opposing header panels, said first header panel being extruded with and extending downward from said first body panel, said second header panel being extruded with and extending downward from said second body panel, said bottom header being free of reinforcing filler material between said first and second header panels, said bottom header including an opening for mounting the plastic bag to a dispensing post, said bottom header including one or more tearable areas that allow the plastic bag to be substantially removed from said dispensing post in response to being broken.

As 10 11. (Once Amended) The plastic bag of claim <sup>7</sup>~~8~~, wherein said tearable areas are preferential areas of weakness, and wherein said first and second header panels are detachably connected to said respective first and second body panels along said respective preferential areas of weakness.

As 12 14. (Once Amended) The plastic bag of claim [13] <sup>7</sup>~~8~~, wherein said reclosable fastener includes a zipper and a slider mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said zipper having a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed

position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position.

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18. (Once Amended) In a plastic bag including first and second opposing panels fixedly connected to each other along a pair of sides and a bottom bridging said pair of sides, said sides and said bottom defining a receptacle space having an open mouth formed opposite said bottom; a reclosable fastener extending along said mouth; and a bottom header having a first header panel extending downward from said first body panel and having one or more tearable areas [detachably connected to said first body panel along a first preferential area of weakness], said bottom header having an opening, a method of using said plastic bag comprising the steps of:

mounting said plastic bag to a dispensing post with said dispensing post protruding through said opening;  
inserting a [food] product into said plastic bag via said open mouth;  
closing said mouth by closing said reclosable fastener; and  
removing said plastic bag from said dispensing post by breaking said bottom header along said one or more tearable areas [detaching said first body panel from said first header panel along said first preferential area of weakness].

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16. (Once Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said first body panel is detachably connected to said first body panel along a first preferential area of weakness, and wherein said bottom header includes a second header panel extending downward from said second body panel and detachably connected to said second body panel along a second preferential area of

weakness, said opening being formed in said first and second header panels, said first and second preferential areas of weakness forming said tearable areas, and wherein said step of removing said plastic bag from said dispensing post includes detaching said first and second body panels [panel] from said respective first and second header panels [panel] along said respective first and second preferential areas [area] of weakness.

[ Please add new claims 17 and 18 as follows:

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15. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein said tearable areas are preferential areas of weakness.

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18. (New) A unitary pack of plastic bags, each of said bags comprising first and second opposing body panels fixedly connected to each other along a pair of sides and a bottom bridging said pair of sides, said sides and said bottom defining a receptacle space having a mouth formed opposite said bottom; a reclosable fastener extending along said mouth; and a bottom header including a first header panel extending downward from said first body panel, said bottom header including an opening for mounting the plastic bag to a dispensing post, said bottom header including one or more tearable areas that allow the plastic bag to be substantially removed from said dispensing post in response to being broken; the bottom headers of adjacent ones of said bags being welded together to form the unitary pack.